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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Appl. No.: 09/645,594

Applicant: Malcolm King

Filed: August 25, 2000

**Title: Use Of Charged Dextran As A Mucoactive
Agent And Methods And Pharmaceutical Compositions Relating
Thereto**

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: Lauren Q. Wells

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated December 18, 2002. Applicants are simultaneously filing herewith a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the due date for reply to June 18, 2003.

First, the Applicant would like to thank Examiner Wells and Supervising Examiner Sreeni Padmanabhan for the phone interview on June 5, 2003 and the discussion that ensued.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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